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Appl. No. : 09/852,225 Confirmation No.: 4231  
Applicant : Mitsuru AKAIKE Art Unit: 3632  
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Title : STOPPER DEVICE AND TELESCOPIC UNIT

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Final Office Action of June 17, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.